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LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL BAMBOO MISSION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether bamboo cultivation has been promoted in Assam under National Bamboo Mission; and

(b) if so, the details of the funds released so far during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry of Science and Technology has established a Technology Mission, the National Mission on Bamboo Applications (NMBA). The NMBA has developed technologies and packages of practices for intensively managed cultivation of bamboo, which have been disseminated to State Governments, including the Government of Assam. A demonstrative plantation for soil stabilisation and riverbank erosion control on Majuli island has been taken up in 2004-05 by the NMBA, along with the Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat and the State Government, for which Rs. 5 lakhs have been released so far. A hardening facility for tissue cultured plant material has been established at Jagi Road, in collaboration with the Hindustan Paper Corporation, for which Rs. 1.08 lakhs have been released so far.